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REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

April 28, 1955

Dear Mr. Charge d'Affaires:

I have the honour to initiate a proposal to conclude an Administrative Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Government of the United States of America, and enclose herewith a draft of the Agreement. With regard to this proposal, I would like first to refer to my note dated October 14, 1954, concerning a conclusion of provisional Agreement regarding the functions of Korean customs authorities with respect to the United Nations forces in Korea. Particular reference was made in the note to the effect that such customs agreement will remain in force pending conclusion of a General Administrative Agreement which shall cover other subjects also.

Having in mind that the United Nations forces under the Unified Command are and will be disposed in and about the territory of the Republic of Korea until the objective of the United Nations in Korea will have been achieved pursuant to the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council of June 25, 1950, June 27, 1950, and July 7, 1950, it is the belief of the Korean Government that terms shall be provided, for the interests of both parties, to govern the disposition of and render convenience to the said forces in and about Korea, and that they shall be determined through mutual agreement between the Republic of Korea and the United States of America acting as the Unified Command in accordance with "The Resolution on the Settlement of the Unified Command" of the Security Council of the United Nations of July 7, 1950. A practical and effective Administrative Agreement to be concluded between the said two parties will help minimize misunderstanding and maximize cooperativeness between the Korean people and United Nations forces personnel in Korea.

In the belief that a conclusion of the Agreement is in the mutual interests, I wish to propose formally, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Korea, that negotiation will be commenced between the representatives of Korean Government and the United States Government. Upon the receipt of your consent, we will proceed to appoint our representatives, and decide the date and place of the conference, which will be mutually agreeable.

Accept

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Accept, dear Mr. Charge d'Affaires, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Enclosure: A Draft of Administrative Agreement between the Republic of Korea and the Unified Command regarding the status of the United Nations forces.

s/ Y.T. Pyun
Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Honorable Carl W. Strom,
Charge d'Affaires,
Embassy of the United States of America
Seoul, Korea.

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